

**Minutes of
Regular Meeting of the Governing Board
For Tracy Unified School District
Held on Tuesday, September 8, 2026**

- 6:30 PM:** 1-3. President Silcox called the meeting to order and adjourned to closed session.
- Roll Call:** 4. Board: O. Alexander, D. Cheeseman, R. Fagin, L. Hawkins, S. Secker, J. Silcox, D. Traina
Staff: R. Pecot, T. Salinas, T. Jalique, Z. Boswell, S. Smith
- 7:00 PM** 5. President Silcox called the Tracy Unified School District Board of Education to order and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Closed Session:** 6a Report Out of Action Taken on Reinstatements: 26/27#04
3.2.1
Action: Approved. **Vote:** Yes-7; No-0; Absent-0.
6b Report Out of Action Taken on Early Graduation: TISCS#10344699,
3.2.2 TISCS# 10349427, TISCS#10366917, TISCS#10357900, TISCS
#10365913, TISCS #10364171, TISCS #10341257, TISCS #10359029,
TISCS#10351014
Action: Approved. **Vote:** Yes-7; No-0; Absent-0.
6c Report Out of Action Taken on Student Grade Appeal WHS #10342067
3.2.3
Action: Item pulled, no vote taken.
6d Report Out of Action Taken on Consider Leave of Absence Request for
3.3.1 Management Employee #UC-1473 Modified
Action: Approved. **Vote:** Yes-7; No-0; Absent-0.
6e Report Out of Action Taken on Consider Leave of Absence Request for
3.3.2 Certificated Employee #UC-1477, Pursuant to Article XX
Action: Approved. **Vote:** Yes-7; No-0; Absent-0.
6f Report Out of Action Taken on Approve Amended Unpaid Leave of
3.3.3 Absence for Classified Employee #UCL-589
Action: Approved. **Vote:** Yes-7; No-0; Absent-0.
6g Report Out of Action Taken on Consider Settlement Agreement with
3.3.4 Certificated Employee
Action: Approved as amended. **Vote:** Yes-7; No-0; Absent-0.
6h Report Out of Action Taken on Consider Paid Leave of Absence for
3.3.5 Classified Employee #UCL-590, Pursuant to Article XXIII
Action: Approved as recommended – Board Denied. **Vote:** Yes-4; No-3
(Alexander, Secker, Fagin); Absent-0.
- Minutes:** 7. Approve Regular Minutes of August 25, 2026.
Action: Hawkins, Traina. **Vote:** Yes-7; No-0; Absent-0.
- Audience:** Lori Nelson, Steve Abercrombie, Tanya Calderon, Marji Baumann, Hannah Green, Maureen Riley, Kristina Mrzywka, Kaleigh Felisberto, Jason Noll, Kristina Mrzywka, Kim Jacobs, Brittany Nelson, Sara Lambardi, Samantha Naval, Kimberly Smith,

Student Reports:

N/A

Recognition & Presentations:

9.1 Freiler Elementary School, Principal Report Freiler Principal, Maureen Riley, and Assistant Principal, Kristina Mrzywka, shared highlights from the first day of school, Back to School Night, and the Fun Run and Color Run Fundraisers. The ‘Runs’ are the biggest events of the year, collectively they raised over \$20,000! Freiler Elementary’s focus for student success includes prioritizing intervention to ensure every student is geared towards grade-level proficiency, supporting and strengthening English learners, and strengthening literacy across all grade levels. At Freiler, they have two full-time behaviorists to support the campus.

9.2 Villalovoz Elementary School, Principal Report Principal, Marji Baumann, and Assistant Principal, Hannah Green, shared Villalovoz’s theme for the school year, “Blast off to Learning”. They are focusing on collaboration, continuing their professional learning communities, and have contracted with the County Office of Education to focus more on students’ math fluency and number sense. Their Panda Time program addresses personalized academic needs through data and assessment to come up with the appropriate student groups as they switch through grade level teams and reading groups.

Information & Discussion Items:

10. N/A

Hearing of Delegations

11. Steve Abercrombie spoke regarding the 25th anniversary of the September 11 tragedy. 2,977 innocent people lost their lives on that day. The community of Tracy lost eight young men during the war on terrorism. America has never required us to agree on everything. Abercrombie’s message is that we do not need another tragedy to show kindness and caring towards each other.

Kimberly Smith is the TEA Vice President and a kindergarten teacher. She spoke of kindergarten safety concerns she is hearing from throughout the district, naming examples such as punching, hair pulling, screaming and using profanity, making it impossible for teaching and learning to occur in the classroom. Over the years, she has advocated for each kinder classroom to have a para. She hopes the district will reconsider their plan not to replace kinder paras as vacancies arise.

Public Hearing:

12.1 Administrative & Business Services: N/A

12.2 Educational Services:

12.2.1 Conduct a Public Hearing to Determine Sufficiency of Textbooks and Instructional Materials for the Students of Tracy Unified School District

Opened Public Comments: 7:22 PM

No comments were received.

Closed Public Comments: 7:23 PM

Consent Items:

13. Board approval of any agenda item requiring insurance or fingerprint clearance is conditioned upon receipt of appropriate documentation by Tracy Unified.

Action: Hawkins, Cheeseman. **Vote:** Yes-7; No-0; Absent-0.

Item # 13.1.4 was approved as amended.

13.1 Administrative & Business Services:

- 13.1.1** Authorize the Director of Food Services to Solicit Proposals for the Commodity Processing of USDA Foods for the 2027-2028 School Year
- 13.1.2** Accept the Generous Donations from the Various Individuals, Businesses, and School Site Parent Teacher Associations Listed Herein with Thanks and Appreciation from the Staff and Students of the Tracy Unified School District
- 13.1.3** Ratify Routine Agreements, Expenditures, and Notice of Completions Which Meet the Criteria for Placement on the Consent Agenda
- 13.1.4** Accept and Review the Status of School Connected Organization/Booster Club Applications Submitted for the 2026/27 School Year

13.2 Educational Services:

- 13.2.1** Approve Agreement for Special Contract Services with Marzano Resources for Professional Development for District Administrators on the Topic of High Reliability Schools for Spring 2027
- 13.2.2** Receive and Acknowledge Annual Distribution of TUSD Uniform Complaint Procedures
- 13.2.3** Approve Agreement for Contract Services between Parent Institute for Quality Education (PIQE) and Kimball High School for the 2026-2027 School Year
- 13.2.4** Approve Agreement for Monte Vista Middle School Sixth Grade Students to Attend Exploring New Horizons Science Camp at Sempervirens in Santa Cruz County from November 30, 2026 to December 4, 2026
- 13.2.5** Approve Agreement for Special Contract Services with Magic School AI
- 13.2.6** Approve Agreement for Contract Services with K12 Tutoring for Schools, Inc. through the Expanded Learning Opportunities Program
- 13.2.7** Approve Purchase of iPads for Expanded Learning After-School Staff and Partners to Support Student Attendance Procedures through the Expanded Learning Opportunities Program
- 13.2.8** Approve Agreement with Operation Scholars to Offer the Friday Night Live Program at MVMS, WMS, KHS, THS and WHS for the 2026-2027 School Year
- 13.2.9** Approve Independent Contractor Agreement for Services with Megan Stone, DO Inc. for the 2026-2027 School Year
- 13.2.10** Approve Special Contract Services Agreement with The Bylund Clinic for an Independent Education Evaluation (IEE)
- 13.2.11** Ratify Agreements Between Tracy Unified School District and the San Joaquin County Office of Education for Reimbursement of School Student Placement at North Valley Nonpublic School
- 13.2.12** Ratify Master Contract for Non-Public School Creative Alternatives for the 2026-2027 School Year (Separate Cover)
- 13.2.13** Approve Agreement for Contract Services with SchoolAI
- 13.2.14** Ratify Agreement for Contract Services Between San Joaquin County Office of Education and TUSD for School Field Trips to Durham Ferry Outdoor Education Center for the 2026-2027 School Year
- 13.2.15** Ratify Agreement for Special Contract Services with Parent Institute for Quality Education (PIQE) to Provide Signature Family Engagement Training for Parents at Tracy High School

- 13.3 Human Resources:**
- 13.3.1** Accept the Resignations/Retirements/Leaves of Absence for Certificated, Classified and/or Management Employees
- 13.3.2** Approve Classified, Certificated and/or Management Employment
- 13.3.3** Receive the District's Initial Bargaining Proposal for the Tracy Educators Association for the 2026-2027 School Year and Submit it for Negotiations, Pending Public Input

Action Items:

- 14.1 Administrative & Business Services:**

Tania Salinas, Associate Superintendent for Business Services, and Lori Nelson, Finance Director, provided information on the Unaudited Actuals for the 25/26 school year. This is an annual statement reporting on the financial activities of the district, of which has not yet been formally audited. It reflects the district's final year end closing from the previous June. The district ended the 25/26 school year with revenues of \$201,859,571.32, and expenditures of \$174,996,879.89, resulting in a net decrease for the year of \$3.6 million. Part of the deficit is due to late invoices received that were encumbered for the 24/25 school year, the creation of new positions, and increased costs due to inflation. Many school districts are facing significant financial challenges. TUSD will continue to make thoughtful and responsible financial decisions today, to continue to maintain the district's financial stability for the future.

 - 14.1.1** Approve the Unaudited Statement of Receipts and Expenditures for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year (Separate Cover)
Action: Cheeseman, Alexander. **Vote:** Yes-7; No-0; Absent-0.
 - 14.1.2** Adopt Resolution #26-02 Recertifying the Appropriation "Gann" Limits for the 2025/2026 School Year for Tracy Unified School District
Action: Secker, Alexander. **Vote:** Yes-7; No-0; Absent-0.
 - 14.1.3** Consider Claim 677120
Action: Board approved to reject claim. Fagin, Alexander. **Vote:** Yes-7; No-0; Absent-0.
- 14.2 Educational Services:**
 - 14.2.1** Adopt Resolution # 26-04 A Declaration that there are Sufficient Textbooks and Instructional Materials for the Students of Tracy Unified School District
Action: Cheeseman, Secker. **Vote:** Yes-7; No-0; Absent-0.
 - 14.2.2** Adopt New Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5141.75 Extreme Weather (First Reading)
Action: Alexander, Traina. **Vote:** Yes-7; No-0; Absent-0.
- 14.3 Human Resources:**
 - 14.3.1** Adopt Revisions to Board Policy 4000 Concepts and Roles in Personnel (Second Reading)
Action: Alexander, Cheeseman. **Vote:** Yes-7; No-0; Absent-0.
 - 14.3.2** Adopt Revisions to Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 4030 Nondiscrimination in Employment (Second Reading)
Action: Cheeseman, Secker. **Vote:** Yes-7; No-0; Absent-0.

- 14.3.3** Acknowledge New Administrative Regulation 4112.23 and Abolish Board Policy 4112.23 Special Education Staff (Second Reading)
Action: Secker, Hawkins. **Vote:** Yes-7; No-0; Absent-0.
- 14.3.4** Adopt New Board Policy 4033 Lactation Accommodation (First Reading)
Action: Cheeseman, Traina. **Vote:** Yes-7; No-0; Absent-0.
- 14.3.5** Approve Revised Job Description for ELOP Site Lead
Action: Hawkins, Secker. **Vote:** Yes-7; No-0; Absent-0.
- 14.3.6** Acknowledge Receipt of Tracy Educators Association (TEA) Sunshine Proposal for the 2026-2027 School Year
Action: Cheeseman, Alexander. **Vote:** Yes-7; No-0; Absent-0.

Board Reports:

Trustee Traina thanked Freiler and Villalovoz for their presentations. She appreciates Freiler initiating the student supports, to make sure all students are learning, and likes the way Villalovoz is utilizing resources for staff training. Trustee Secker thanked the Finance Department for the information they provided. It is important to recognize that the district has used 6% of the reserve. This week Trustee Secker visited South West Park to take a closer look at their Learning to Read Program. Everyone on campus was working together and supporting each other, it was good to see. Trustee Cheeseman recognizes the work that goes into the finance presentations, she appreciates the information and she also thanked the schools that presented. Panda Time is clever and she looks forward to hearing updates. Trustee Hawkins and Alexander also thanked the presenters. Trustee Fagin feels the programs that are put together each year to get students motivated shows great leadership. He also praised Lori Nelson for her years of service in the Finance Department and Steve Abercrombie for coming out to speak; as a Marine veteran, he recognizes that it does not matter what our political view is. Trustee Silcox passed on comment.

Superintendent Report:

Dr. Pecot shared that Thursday at 10:00 am, West High School will be hosting the Special Olympics and at 10:40 am, Friday, the WHS JROTC is having a 9/11 remembrance ceremony at the WHS flagpole. Reflecting on the budget presentation, Dr. Pecot pointed out that we aren't in easy times right now. The increased costs that impact the district are impacting the employees. As a district we have a healthy reserve, but the Trustees will have some tough decisions in the future.

Adjourn: 7:39 PM

Clerk

Date